

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2 and 5-8 have been amended. No new matter is added, and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing is respectfully submitted.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 1-12 are allowed.

ITEMS 1-2: OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

In the Office Action at item 1, the Examiner objected to FIG. 1, requiring a --PRIOR ART-
- legend for the same. To overcome the objection and taking into consideration the Examiner's comments, a replacement sheet for FIG. 1 is submitted herewith, amending FIG. 1 to include the legend --PRIOR ART--.

Further In the Office Action at item 1, the Examiner objected to FIG. 10. To overcome the objection and taking into consideration the Examiner's comments, a replacement sheet for FIG. 10 is submitted herewith. Support for the drawing amendments can be found, for example, in the Specification, at page 13, lines 10-19.

Approval and entry of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

ITEM 3: OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objected to the Abstract because it is more than 150 words. In the foregoing, a replacement Abstract is provided, complying with that standard. Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

ITEM 4: OBJECTION TO CLAIMS

In response to Item 4, amendments have been made to claims 1, 2 and 5-8 for correct antecedent basis, as required by the Office Action.

Further, the Office Action objects to claims 1 and 2 because "the usage of the term 'shifting' is awkward since it is unclear exactly what is being shifted."

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 2 are amended to recite "the WDM transmission equipment of the station of interest being shifted to receive an optical signal," taking into consideration the Examiner's comments. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 2, as amended, clearly recite that the "the WDM transmission equipment of the station of

interest" is shifted. Therefore, withdrawal of the objections to the claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

In the Office Action at item 1, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In order to overcome these objections, replacement figures are submitted herewith. In FIG 1, a "Prior Art" label has been supplied and, in FIG. 10, FIGS. 7, 8, 9, and 10, have been corrected to FIGS. 3, 7, 8, and 9, respectively, as suggested by the Examiner. Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.